



Lighthouse Beacon News

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June 2017

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

June 12, 2017

6:30 pm Social Time

7:00 pm Meeting

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

717 Sheldon, at Colfax
Grand Haven, Michigan

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Raffle Quilt

Barb Dryer

Next Newsletter Deadline

June 20, 2017

Hello Quilting Friends,

While driving home from Lansing tonight, I was thinking about what to write for the newsletter this time. Then I realized this was for the June edition. Wow! Where has the year gone? Looking back at the last six months, I am shocked at how little quilting time I have had. I really need to change that by trying harder to get just a little time for sewing if not every day then at least a few times a week. How do you make sure you get that much needed time in?

Hope you enjoyed the May meeting with Tawni Young from Interquilted as much as I did. Very entertaining speaker and her quilts are totally inspiring. Are any of you planning a road trip to Interlochen to take a class with her?

Our June meeting is going to be all about barn quilts with Suzi Parron. I am hoping to be able to take her class since I thought it would be fun to have a quilt block on the side of my house.

Did you make it up to Muskegon this past weekend for the Threads of Friendship quilt show put on by PALS? What a great exhibit! Our sister quilters should be very proud of the show they presented. Then to top it all off, our Lighthouse member, Barb Dryer, won the Diamonds in the Rough raffle quilt. I find this only fitting since Barb is in charge of the raffle quilt for Lighthouse. See, buying tickets really does pay off!

We are still in need of volunteers to become new board members for the coming year. Please, if you have any questions about what duties are involved, stop and talk to Kay or myself at the next meeting or give us a call.

Happy Quilting,
Connie

Upcoming Programs and Classes

Su Palmer and Pam Kihn

Sign-up sheets and additional information for classes will be at the program table at each meeting. For additional information, contact Pam Kihn (231-206-6729) or Su Palmer (231-740-7104)

June 12, 2017: Barn Quilt lecture and class with Suzi Parron

Program: Barn Quilt Lecture with Suzi Parron.

Visit her webpage: <http://www.barnquiltinfo.com/suzi.htm>

Class: Barn Quilt Block. 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM at Church of the Dunes. Cost: \$50.00 which includes a pre-primed 2 by 2-foot board along with suggested patterns ready to transfer (You may bring your own but keep it simple and be ready to draw it onto the board). There are still openings for this class. Call Su Palmer at 231-740-7104 for additional information and supply list.

July 10, 2017

Program: QUILT Show Challenge: Show and tell of our Quilts Squares and Ugly Fabric Challenge: Sharing of Completed Projects

August 14, 2017

Program: Member Potluck and Quilt Show Winners

September 11, 2017: LHQG sponsored joint meeting with PALS

Program: Trunk Show presented by Ann Loveless, <http://www.quiltsbyann.com/>

Class: Fabric Collage, 10 x 14 art quilt. Details to follow

Monday, October 9, 2017

Program: Preventive Machine Maintenance, Family Sewing, Larry French

Vendor: Pressing Matters, Holland

November 13, 2017:

Program: Trunk show presented by Kathryn Groves of BobKat Quilts, Brighton, Michigan.

Class: Judy Niemeyer project with Kathryn Groves, certified Judy Niemeyer Instructor

<http://www.quiltworx.com/instructors>

December 11, 2017:

Program: TBD and Member potluck of appetizers and desserts.

January 8, 2018:

Program: TBD

Class: Karen Katje will be teaching a Fractured Rose class. If you are interested you need to purchase 4 identical panels. Samples of fracturing can be seen at our next meeting. In purchasing your panel, you do not want people or animals in the print and you don't want a lot of background. More details to come as the date of the class gets closer!

Hospitality

Jean Stordahl and Monica Leenhouts

Wow and Yum! Thank you so much for the large variety of snacks at our table last month. I am sure this month we will have treats that are just as delicious. If your birthday is in June, or if you just feel like contributing, please bring a snack this month. Thank you for helping in this way.

Membership

Jane Thomasma

We had 90 members and three guests enjoy our May program presented by Tawni Young, the owner of Interquilten in Interlochen, MI. Our membership list is now at 159 members. Pick up a membership

roster if you have not done so, and updates to the roster when you check in. We only print the roster once in the fall and provide updates each month.

Website

Char LaDronka

The minutes of the May Board meeting will be published as soon as they are available. All the information and forms for the LQG Quilt Show are on the website. There are links for the Entry Form, Reclaim Form, a description on how to fold your quilt, along with info and forms for Consignment and Downtown Quilts on the LQG Quilt Show page. Check often for the latest news and volunteer opportunities! If you would like to see something posted to the webpage, please contact Char LaDronka at cmladr@gmail.com.

Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

We received 17 baby quilts at our May meeting -- lots from our snowbirds and from those mega-makers who put together a lot of kits at our spring retreat. They are now in the process of being washed and tucked into bags for our Ottawa County Health Departments. Spring brings a lot of sunshine, but a lot of babies, too.

We have completed a big move at Elizabeth's house, moving all the guild's fabric into a storeroom with humidity control and no outside light. That will make a more stable environment for our fabrics. Whew! We sure have a lot of beautiful baby and children prints!

There are lots of members who love to make quilts from their own stash -- we love that. If anybody would like a little "pick-me-up" for their fabric choices, we can supply a fat quarter packet. Just stop by and sign one out.

There will be a new pattern and kit for our August meeting. You will see it in that month's newsletter.

The breast cancer comfort quilts still roll in -- a few every month. We have kits for some, so stop by and have a look. We provide batting and backing for those quilts and appreciate it if you can do the quilting.

Quilt Show

Carol Allen

The Quilt show is fast approaching so there is lots to be done. The quilt show committee will meet at 6:15 p.m. prior to the June guild meeting.

Volunteers- Volunteers are needed! The success of the quilt show relies upon everyone helping out. At the June meeting, stop by the quilt show table and sign up to help at a variety of jobs. No experience needed! We will train you if needed!

Rack Cards - We need to get the word out about the quilt show! We have plenty of rack cards that you could bring with you on your quilting excursions! This will help get the word out and you can have fun in the mean time! Stop by the quilt show table at our next meeting and grab a bundle or two of rack cards to distribute to quilt shops you are visiting.

Registration forms are available on the website and also at the guild meeting. Hope everyone is working on their 12 x 12 challenge quilts.

Quilt Show Boutique

Leslie Johnson

The Quilt Show's Boutique is seeking donations of fabrics and sewing supplies, books and magazines. Please bring anything that you are ready to part with from your sewing room to Leslie Johnson at the monthly meeting. If you have a lot, please make arrangements with her to meet in the parking lot, rather than haul it in and then back out again.

Downtown Quilts

Marcia Knorr and Barb Wexall

Support the Coast Guard Festival and the Quilt Guild "Beach Party" Quilt Show by helping us advertise with your quilt(s)! We welcome any and all quilters that wish to show off their quilting talents by lending a quilt or two to hang in a storefront window in Grand Haven for about two weeks. Most of the merchants prefer small to medium size quilts, however, we are able to display some larger quilts in some venues.

Your quilts are a great way to advertise for the quilt show on July 28th -29th. The quilts will be distributed to the downtown merchants on Tuesday, July 11th and will be picked up Monday, July 31st. They will be available for you to have them returned at the August meeting, or we can arrange to get them back to you sooner if you wish. Please bring your quilts, any size, to the June or July guild meetings and give them to Marcia or Barb who are coordinating this project. If you are unable to bring your quilt to the meeting, feel free to email or call Marcia or Barb at (sailsablazin@gmail.com / 616-405-8282 or bwexall@gmail.com / 616-607-2161).

Quilt Raffle

Barb Dryer

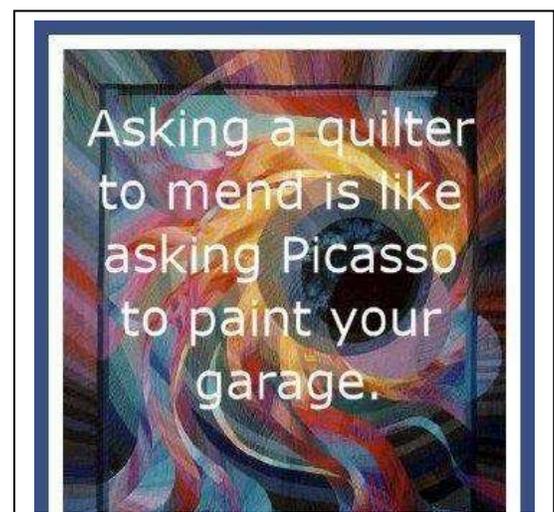
Here's your monthly reminder that we are selling tickets for the Quilt Raffle. As you may remember, the raffle will be held on October 7, 2017, so we still have quite a bit of time to sell tickets. The tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please let Barb know if you need some tickets to sell – or if you'd like to buy some (even one would help support the guild!).

Thanks to those of you who have already offered to help sell tickets at events this summer. I am working on some ideas and will put out a request when I need some assistance.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit both Habitat for Humanity (80%) and our own Community Outreach Program (20%). With everyone's help, we can make this another successful fundraiser!



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23rd ANNUAL LIGHTHOUSE GUILD QUILT SHOW ENTRY FORM-2017 “Beach Party”
Show dates: July 28th and 29th – St. Patrick’s Family Center

Please fill out one form for each item submitted. You may copy this form. Please mail completed forms (attach picture, if possible) to **Kim Frisch @ 1206 Hillcrest, Grand Haven, MI or Barb Wexall @ 14190 Green St, Grand Haven, MI (no computer entries)**. The show is limited to **MEMBERS** of Lighthouse Quilt Guild (LQG). No rod pockets are necessary. All quilt registrations must be submitted by July 19th to be in the guild quilt show.

Lighthouse Quilt Guild and St. Patrick’s Center are not responsible for loss, theft or damage to any item shown or sold at the show. The Center is securely locked when not in use. Owners (or their personal insurers) are responsible for any loss. LQG reserves the right to reject any quilt at its discretion.

Quilts must be submitted on Wednesday, July 26th between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm, or on Thursday, July 27th between 7:20 am and 9:00 am. Quilts **MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED**. Quilts must be folded with the lower right hand corner of the front of the quilt on the top.

Quilts are to be picked up between 5:30 pm and 7:00pm on Saturday, July 29th. Members working on the show “take-down” may collect their quilts once all quilts have been accounted for. All other quilts are available for pick-up at 5:30pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THESE TIMES WILL BE PERMITTED**. LQG is not responsible for any quilt not picked up on time.

Are you a member of the LQG? YES _____ NO _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of Quilt: _____

Width: _____ Length: _____ Designer: _____

Pieced by: _____ Quilted by: _____ Yr. Completed: _____

Circle one: Bed Quilt ~~ Wall Hanging ~~ “Alphabet” Challenge Block

Youth Quilt ~~ 2017 Row by Row ~~ Ugly Fabric ~~ Other

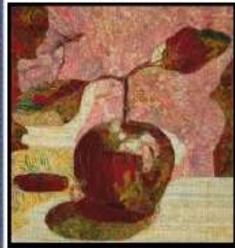
Signature: _____ Designee for pick up if any: _____

Additional info for tag. Use back of the form. May edit for space.

****The Quilt Committee reserves the right to limit the number of quilts shown due to space restrictions**



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Upcoming classes and events include:

Hand Dyed Batik with Julie Westmaas, June 6

- JUST ADDED** - Breezy Weave Bag with Jennifer Kaulius, June 7
- NEW** Quilted Apple Photo Art with Julie Westmaas - June 13 & 20
- NEW** Kids/Teens Adventures in Sewing with Connor & Beth Ann Williams - monthly classes all summer, starting June 27
- Sew Fun Friday with Dianna Michelli - June 30
- Sew Fun Saturday with Dianna Michelli - July 1

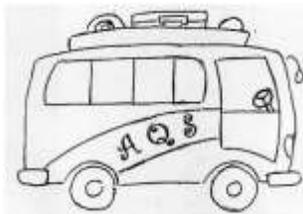


Discount for guild members!

Show us this ad - or current membership card - and receive 10% off your total purchase of regularly priced items.

Valid through June 30, 2017; Offer not applicable to classes.

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QUILTER'S ROAD TRIP

AQS FALL PADUCAH, KENTUCKY

SEPT. 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2017

Cost: \$495.00 per person / triple occupancy per suite

Questions: Call Kay Wilton at 616-430-0732 or email at quiltwiltn@hotmail.com

Registration forms also available at guild meeting

Quilting tips from Craftsyl.com

- 1) Carry your rotary cutter in an eyeglass case to prevent nicks in your blade.
- 2) Use a silverware organizer to keep scissors and rotary blades handy.
- 3) Use a sewing awl when working with unstable fabric or lots of layers. It holds everything together under your sewing foot.
- 4) Organize your thread flat in a shallow drawer.
- 5) Use shelf liner beneath your machine to eliminate bouncing.
- 6) Use a file folder holder to keep your quilting rulers organized.
- 7) Tired of burning your fingers? Get a heat resistant glove in the beauty section (usually by the curling irons).
- 8) Make threading your machine needle easier by placing a piece of colored paper behind the eye.
- 9) Take snapshots of different pattern combinations against a neutral background to get a better idea of what works.
- 10) Keep a soft, inexpensive paint brush to clean the lint beneath your feed dogs and around your bobbin case.

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report as of 5/17/2017**

General Fund Balance on 4/20/2017	\$17,496.31
General Fund Income	
Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.21
PALS quilt rack rental	\$300.00
Hospitality	\$12.75
Membership	\$10.00
Spring 2017 Retreat	\$590.00
Take A Chance	\$44.50
Total General Fund Income	\$957.46
General Fund Expense	
Community Outreach	\$127.20
Newsletter	
Postage	\$98.00
Printing	\$29.88
Office	\$12.79
Programs - Tawni Young	\$309.43
Retreat	
Spring 2017	\$2,170.00
Winter 2017	\$250.00
Total General Fund Expenses	\$2,997.30
General Fund Ending Balance on 5/17/2017	\$15,456.47
Quilt Show Beginning Balance on 4/20/2017	\$2,760.26
Quilt Show Income	
Vendors	\$375.00
Total Quilt Show Income	\$375.00
Quilt Show Expenses	
Total Quilt Show Expenses	\$0.00
Quilt Show Ending Balance on 5/17/17	\$3,135.26
Balance of both LQG Funds on 5/17/2017	\$18,591.73



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What to Bring to the Next Meeting:

- ~ Your Name Badge (pin it on!)—this is your entry to the meeting
- ~ Completed Community Outreach quilts
- ~ Spare Change for Take a Chance
- ~ Library Books
- ~ Show and Tell

